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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service
Hearing on the Impact of Dual Retirement System
Contributions for Federal Employees Hired On or
After 1 January 1984

REFERENCE: MFR OLL 83-2073/2 dated 13 September 1983,
Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
Hearing on Retirement

1. The House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, chaired by Representative William D. Ford (D., MI), conducted the subject hearing on 20 September 1983. [REDACTED] Deputy Director of Personnel for Special Programs, and I, attended. The hearing was essentially a replay of the 13 September hearing held by Senator Ted Stevens (R., AL) and his Governmental Affairs Subcommittee. The witness list, together with all prepared testimony, which was presented essentially as prepared, was nearly identical to that of the earlier Senate hearing.

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2. The Comptroller General briefed on his 31 August 1983 Study Report and recommended dual retirement system coverage (Civil Service and Social Security) at a cost comparable to current Civil Service retirement costs (withholdings) for the interim period between 1 January 1984 and enactment of a new supplemental retirement program. Federal employee union associations continued to argue that, until a new supplemental retirement program is enacted and in place, all Federal employees must continue to be participants of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability System (CSRDS) regardless of the 1 January 1984 Social Security legislation. They also argue that such coverage should be equal in cost to that incurred by current Federal employees. Mr. Donald J. Devine, Director of the Office of Personnel Management, continued to press for Social Security coverage only, for all employees hired 1 January 1984 or later. He was adamant in opposing even temporary CSRDS coverage for new employees just during the interim period.

3. Chairman Ford indicated that his Committee would not be authoring legislation on this subject but rather would merely react to one or more bills authored in the Senate. This Committee is, I think, more receptive to the employee point-of-view than the Administration's, although I sense that it would readily support the Stevens' Bill were it to be passed by the Senate.

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